Taskforce Meeting

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**PRESENT:**

* Shirley Tarawali, ILRI
* Tom Randolph, Program Director
* Iain Wright, ILRI
* Peter Ballanytne, ILRI
* Patricia Rainey, Program Coordinator

**Via Webex:**

* Paul Schuetz, GIZ
* Michael Peters, CIAT
* Rhiannon Pyburn, KIT
* Ulf Magnusson

1. **Welcome**

ST welcomed members to the meeting.

1. **Update on the response to the ISPC commentary**

ST reported on progress, the reviews received, and plans to send it to the ISPC on 21 July.

1. **CRP 2017 planning and budgeting processes**

TR reported on the main points agreed to prepare the 2017 plan and budget:

Recently and now, first round of virtual activity by flagships to identify the main activities

Important has been to agree budget templates with the CRP partners

Next round will be in more detail to have face to face flagship meetings (before 31 October) to agree logframes, plans, etc.

Early 2017, we expect a further round of more strategic meetings of each flagship to set out plans for the 6-year period.

1. **Wider CGIAR planning processes and CRP involvement**

TR explained that there are several meetings and engagements at CGIAR level that partner staff need to participate in, such as innovation workshop at KIT, plans for big data, genetics gains, M&E  meetings. Etc.  Livestock and Fish CRP management funds have been used for these, though they are now more limited.

It was agreed to continue this approach on a case by case basis for important events; also that  L&F partners would try and use their own L&F allocations where possible and appropriate.

1. **Initial thoughts on ISC roles, membership**

TR explained that the official guidelines on an International Steering Committee require us to start setting this up.  Aiming for a January 2017 roll-out.

He also explained that the roles and responsibilities of such ISC vis a vis centre boards (and CGIAR system management board) are being clarified and the guidelines are likely to change.

Thus, Task force members agreed it was better to wait for system developments to be settled, and then act.